

A Day Without the WSP Field Operations Bureau

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) makes a difference every single day for the citizens of Washington State. If WSP employees were not working today to provide public safety services to everyone where they live, work, travel and play:

- 475,393 students could be passengers in one of 9,000 school buses which were not inspected for safety and compliance. 1,610 people that were either dangerously speeding, aggressively driving, or driving while under the influence would not be stopped, thus putting our friends, families and children in harms way.
- 398 motorists would still be stranded on the side of the roadway with flat tires, an empty gas tank, or any vehicle malfunction in need of repair.
- 359 commercial vehicles would not be inspected for safety and compliance.
- 234 people would not be warned about the dangers of driving unbuckled.
- 128 criminals would not have been arrested and still be at large. These criminals would be free to re-offend.
- 121 breath tests would not have been performed; officers would not be able to conclusively identify and effectively prosecute drunk drivers.
- 78 collisions would not be analyzed, which means the cause of the collision and the driver at-fault may never be identified.
- 75 overweight vehicles would be on our highways endangering other commuters.
- 46 commercial vehicles with serious safety violations causing them to be placed out of service would still be traveling out our state highways.
- 30 injury collisions might have their severity increased. Rather than causing injuries to the drivers and passengers involved, some fatalities may occur due to increased speeds, DUI, no seatbelts, or aggressive driving playing a factor in the collision.
- 23 commercial vehicle drivers would not be put out of service for such things as: possession of drugs/alcohol, being under the influence, impaired driving, suspended license, not having proper endorsements or not being of age to drive a commercial vehicle.
- 13 Wanted felons would not be apprehended and 6 wanted misdemeanor subjects would not be apprehended.
- 9 commercial motor vehicles with unsecured loads would still be driving on our highways.
- 4 drug recognition evaluations would not have been performed, leaving officers unaware of if a violator was under the influence of narcotics.
- 2 misdemeanors, 1 felony, and 1 DUI warrants would not have been served. Of those, 1 arrest would not have been made, and \$6839.10 in bail funds would not be acquired.
- 1 criminal case would not be opened for investigation.
- 1 fatal collision would not be investigated, and the family of the deceased would not have closure or understand why their loved one died on our roadways.

These are just a few of the many services the WSP provide every day to the public. To view more extensive lists please click on the links below:

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